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TAGS: FR, PGOV, SHUM (BARBIE, KLAUS)
SUBJECT: BARBIE TRIAL - NEW CHARGES, SOVIET COMPLAINT, AND MORE
DELAYS

REFS: 85 LYON 562 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE ADDED FOUR NEW CHARGES TO THE LIST OF CRIMES **KLAUS BARBIE** WILL BE TRIED FOR, WHILE A SOVIET PRESS REPORT SAYS THE FRENCH ARE DELAYING THE TRIAL AND, IN COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICANS, ARE ATTEMPTING TO MITIGATE THE CHARGES AGAINST AN ALREADY CONDEMNED CRIMINAL. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ON APRIL 18, INFORMED **KLAUS BARBIE** OF THE DECISION TO ADD FOUR MORE CHARGES TO THE LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH HE WILL BE TRIED. THE CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) ARREST AND TORTURE TO DEATH OF PROFESSOR MARCEL GOMPEL IN FEBRUARY 1944.
- B) ARREST AND TORTURE TO DEATH OF POLICE COMMISSIONER JULES CROS

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C) RAID ON THE WORKSHOPS OF THE SNCF (NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY) IN OULLINS IN AUGUST 1944, DURING WHICH ONE WORKER WAS EXECUTED, ONE WOUNDED AND OTHERS ARRESTED AND QUESTIONED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. D) DEPORTATION OF 300 FRENCH RESISTANCE MEMBERS WHO WERE ABOARD THE LAST TRAIN TO THE DEATH CAMPS WHICH LEFT LYON IN AUGUST 1944. BARBIE HAD ALREADY BEEN CHARGED WITH THE DEPORTATION OF 300 JEWS ON BOARD THE SAME TRAIN, BUT THE INITIAL DECISION TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE TRIAL TO CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER CASES CONCERNING RESISTANCE MEMBERS AFTER AN OUTCRY BY WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS.

3. BARBIE'S LAWYER, JACQUES VERGES, SAID HE HOPES THAT THE COURTS INVESTIGATION INTO THE NEW CHARGES CAN BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF MAY SO THAT THE TRIAL CAN BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. LYONS INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL PRESS CORPS IS ALREADY CALLING VERGES AN OPTIMIST ABOUT A FALL DATE FOR THE START OF THE TRIAL. IN THE MEANTIME, VERGES HAS TAKEN ON NEW BUSINESS, ACCEPTING TO DEFEND THE RECENTLY CAPTURED ACTION DIRECT FOUNDER, ANDRE OLIVIER. (SEE LYON 110).

4. THE APRIL 23RD EDITION OF LYONS LOCAL NEWSPAPER, LE PROGRES, PUBLISHED A STATEMENT BY SOVIET JURIST, MARK RADINSKY, (LAWYER IN THE NUREMBERG TRIALS IN 1945-46) WHO WAS QUOTED BY TASS AS SAYING THAT THE REPEATED DELAYS IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE CASE OF THE NAZI CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE** ARE UNACCEPTABLE. WHILE **KLAUS BARBIE** IS IN THE HANDS OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES, HE HAS STILL NOT BEEN PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIMES. BARBIE, WHO WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN ABSENTIA BY FRANCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF 4,000 PEOPLE, AND THE DEPORTATION OF CLOSE TO 20,000 RESISTERS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THE ATTEMPTS TO MITIGATE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DONE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS PRECISELY AMERICAN SECRET SERVICES THAT PROTECTED BARBIE AFTER THE WAR AND HELPED THOUSANDS OF CRIMINALS LIKE HIM ESCAPE PUNISHMENT TO USE THEM IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE U.S.S.R. AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

5. FINALLY, IN WHAT MAY REFLECT THE GENERAL OPINION OF THE FRENCH PUBLIC, THE GRAND RABBI OF THE LYON AREA WAS ASKED IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW ABOUT THE DELAY OF THE BARBIE TRIAL. HE RESPONDED BY SAYING, THE TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE SOONER OR LATER BUT, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE MAN IS BEHIND BARS.

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